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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Ocean Beach - Border Patrol Investigating Abandoned Boat

(U) The US Border Patrol (CBP) is investigating a Panga-style boat—with no registration information—that might have been used by migrants who abandoned it after coming ashore at Sunset Cliffs yesterday morning. CBP agents were on the scene to inspect the boat that was capsized on the rocks, with at least seven life jackets on shore. CBP officials did not provide any further details.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) Salton City - US Border Patrol Conducts Large Drug Seizure

(U) CBP agents in the El Centro Sector in Imperial County conducted two separate vehicle searches at the Highway 86 CBP checkpoint yesterday morning, resulting in the total seizure of 98 packages of methamphetamine and nine packages of heroin, totaling 106.70 pounds and 14.39 pounds, respectively. In one search, the drugs were found concealed in the vehicle gas tank; in the other search, the drugs were concealed in a hidden compartment in the vehicle quarter panel. CBP El Centro Sector agents have seized more than 377.88 pounds of methamphetamine and 20.98 pounds of heroin in FY2018.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [KESQ News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Maryland - Man Who Supported ISIS Plotted Major Attack

(U) Baltimore - A Maryland man who plead guilty last year to conspiring to provide material support to ISIS was planning to, according to authorities, either assassinate a Texas businessman or detonate a bomb that would "kill a lot of people." The accused also received videos from ISIS that included instructions on how to build a peroxide bomb and was researching federal buildings in Baltimore as possible targets.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [Fox News](#)

(U) Minnesota - Woman Ordered Detained on Terror, Arson Charges

(U) St Paul - A Minnesota woman who is accused of trying to travel to Afghanistan to join al-Qa'ida was "self-radicalized" and intended to kill people when she set several fires on a college campus last month, according to an official. The woman also wrote letters to fellow students, attempting to encourage them to join al-Qa'ida, the Taliban, or al-Shabaab. In her attempt to travel to Afghanistan, the woman got only to Dubai, before being stopped for lacking a visa.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [Fox News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia - Government Official Warns ISIS will have Lasting Presence in Country

(U) Canberra - Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton says the "scourge" of ISIS will be with Australia "for a long time," following another alleged ISIS-inspired terror attack in Melbourne on 9 February. Momena Shoma, 24, is accused of stabbing a 56-year-old man in the neck and shoulder at his home while he was

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asleep with his five-year-old daughter. Australian police allege the woman was "inspired by the doctrines of ISIS."

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [Daily Mail](#)

(U) Egypt - ISIS Calls on Fighters to Disrupt Egypt's Presidential Vote with Attacks

(U) Cairo - A video purportedly by ISIS's affiliate in Egypt is calling on its fighters to stage attacks during next month's presidential elections and warning Egyptians to stay away from polling centers. The authenticity of the 23-minute video—posted on 11 February on websites known to be sympathetic to ISIS—could not be independently verified but appeared similar to past releases by the terror group. Such threats are routine from militant Islamic groups opposed in principle to democratic practices, and rarely materialize.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) Israel - Iranian Drone Shot Down by Israel Reportedly Based on Old US Drone Technology

(U) Beit She'an - The Israeli military said an Iranian drone it shot down over the weekend was based on an American stealth drone that was intercepted by Iran six years ago. An Israeli Army spokesperson said that the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone, had been dispatched on a specific mission inside Israel, and was launched from inside Syria. The spokesperson confirmed that it was the first time an Iranian drone had crossed into Israeli airspace since the start of the Syrian civil war.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) Mexico - Government Officials Probed for Possible Cartel Links

(U) Mexico City - The arrest of José María Guízar Valencia, allegedly the last of the 10 original leaders of the Zetas drug cartel, has triggered an investigation of government officials in Tabasco, Michoacán, Chiapas, and Veracruz who may have collaborated with Valencia. The information was released in a report issued by the national security cabinet, mentioning suspicion of collusion by authorities in Mexico City. After the arrest of Guízar on Thursday, the federal government reopened an investigation that dates back to 2012 and links the Zetas with the mayor of Huimanguillo, Tabasco, at the time, Gerald Washington Herrera Castellanos.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [Mexico News Daily](#)

(U) South Korea - Diagnosed Norovirus Cases at Olympics Increases to 194

(U) Pyeongchang - Seventeen new cases of norovirus were confirmed yesterday among staff and volunteers at the Olympics, according to organizers, bringing the outbreak's total to 194 total cases. Also, the highly contagious illness appears to be spreading beyond Pyeongchang, with nine of the new cases in Gangneung—a city hosting indoor Olympic events. Organizers said 75 percent of the people diagnosed with the illness have been released from quarantine and resumed work at the Olympic Games.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

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